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PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NO.  
**22750/429**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am an original, first, and joint inventor of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **DUAL-MODE TWIN-CHAMBER THRUST BEARING HAVING HYDRAULIC DAMPING**, the specification of which was filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on January 21, 2000, Serial No. 09/488,754.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

**PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)**

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

COUNTRY	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)	DATE OF ISSUE (day, month, year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119
<b>Federal Republic of Germany</b>	<b>199 02 493.6</b>	<b>22 January 1999</b>		<b>YES</b>

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